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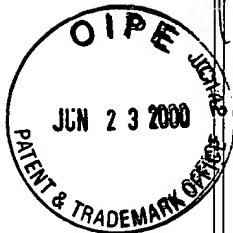
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

H. TAKATSUJI et al.

Application No.: 09/156,580

Filed: September 18, 1998

For: METHOD FOR SHORTENING  
INTERNODE OF INFLORESCENCE BY  
INTRODUCING PETUNIA  
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR PETSPL2

Art Unit: 1649

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 17, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 10-11, 13-14, 16-17, and 20-21, without prejudice. Please amend claims 1-2 and 18-19 as follows:

1. (Twice amended). An isolated <sup>DNA molecule</sup> gene comprising [DNA which is selected from a) or b):

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